

AL-V-A-287

Midlothian Survey District
Midlothian
Private

1870s

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Midlothian Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Midlothian Road, approximately 1½ miles south of Frostburg

CITY, TOWN

Midlothian

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MHT Inventory AL-V-A-049, 149 and 150

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Midlothian Survey District is located on the Midlothian Road, approximately 1½ mile south of Frostburg in the Georges Creek coal region of Allegany County. Midlothian Road and the Carlos Road intersect in the center of the survey district. Blan Avon Road runs NW-SE from Midlothian Road. Winebrenner Run flows NW-SE through the survey district. Most of the survey district is located on a steep mountainside sloping SW to NE towards the flatter area in the center of Midlothian.

The architecture of Midlothian is characterized by frame vernacular-styled dwellings. The 2 story buildings are 2, 3 or 4 bays wide and 1 bay deep. They are either rectangular or are based on the ell plan.

They rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Hip roofed porches shelter their facades.

Building #42 on the attached map is an example of the vernacular-styled buildings in Midlothian that are 4 bays wide. Building #12 on the attached map is an example of the dwellings that are 3 bays wide. Building # 44 is an example of the dwellings that are 2 bays wide.

A group of 4 saltbox houses in Midlothian are 1½ story, 2 bay by 1 bay frame dwellings. They rest on low stone foundations and have gabled roofs. Shed roofed additions added to their rear elevations give these buildings the saltbox shape that is common to the mining region. All of the buildings have been substantially altered. An example is #31 on the attached map.

The Midlothian Schoolhouse (AL-V-A-150, Map#52) is a 1½ story, 5 bay by 5 bay frame building. It rests on a stone foundation and has a hipped roof with a hipped dormer. A hip roofed porch shelters the central entrance on the facade of the school. Willett's General Store and Post Office (AL-V-A-149, Map#54) is a 1½ story, 3 bay frame building. The three bay store front on the gable end of the building features pairs of fixed windows flanking the transomed entrance. It rests on wooden blocks and has a gabled roof. The New Central Coal Company buildings (AL-V-A-049, Map #114) are a group of 3 brick buildings which housed the stables, weighhouse and pumps of the company. Two of the buildings are 1½ story structures have pyramidal roofs with cupalos. The other, a 2 story brick building, has a shed roofed brick addition. All of these buildings have segmental-arched windows and corbeled brick chimneys. Several examples of the Bungalow style of architecture are typical 1½ story frame buildings with gently pitched gabled roofs and gabled dormers. An example is #96 on the attached map.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Midlothian is a typical company town in the Georges Creek coal region of Allegany County. The town was established early in the 1870's by the New Central Coal Company. Prior to that the site of the town was occupied by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company's Bowery Furnace.¹

The furnace was at its peak of production in 1871 when 140 tons of iron were manufactured in one week.²

The New Central Coal Company acquired the holdings of the Lincoln Coal, Iron, Fire Brick and Oil Company and the Midlothian Coal and Iron Company in the early 1870's.³ The company supplied housing for its employees in Lonaconing and probably did the same at its new mines at Midlothian. The population of the town in 1880 was 398 people.⁴

In 1905 the Borden Mining Company and the Bowery Mining Company were operating mines at Midlothian.⁵ Early in the 1920's the Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal Company, the Midlothian Coal Company and the McNitt Coal Company were actively mining at Midlothian.⁶

Early in the 20th century the town supported a schoolhouse, a general store and a library society which was housed in an older schoolhouse.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Footnotes

¹See AL-VI-B-161

²Harry Stegmaier et al, Allegany County-A History, Parsons: McClain Printing Co., 1976, p. 210.

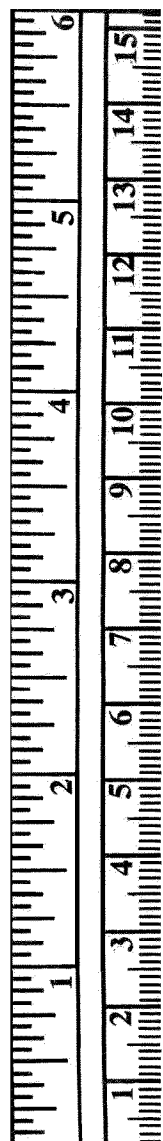
³Allegany County Land Records, Liber 36, Folio 562 and Liber 37, Folio 378.

⁴Katherine Harvey, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Mining Program, 1835-1910, Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969, pp. 84-240.

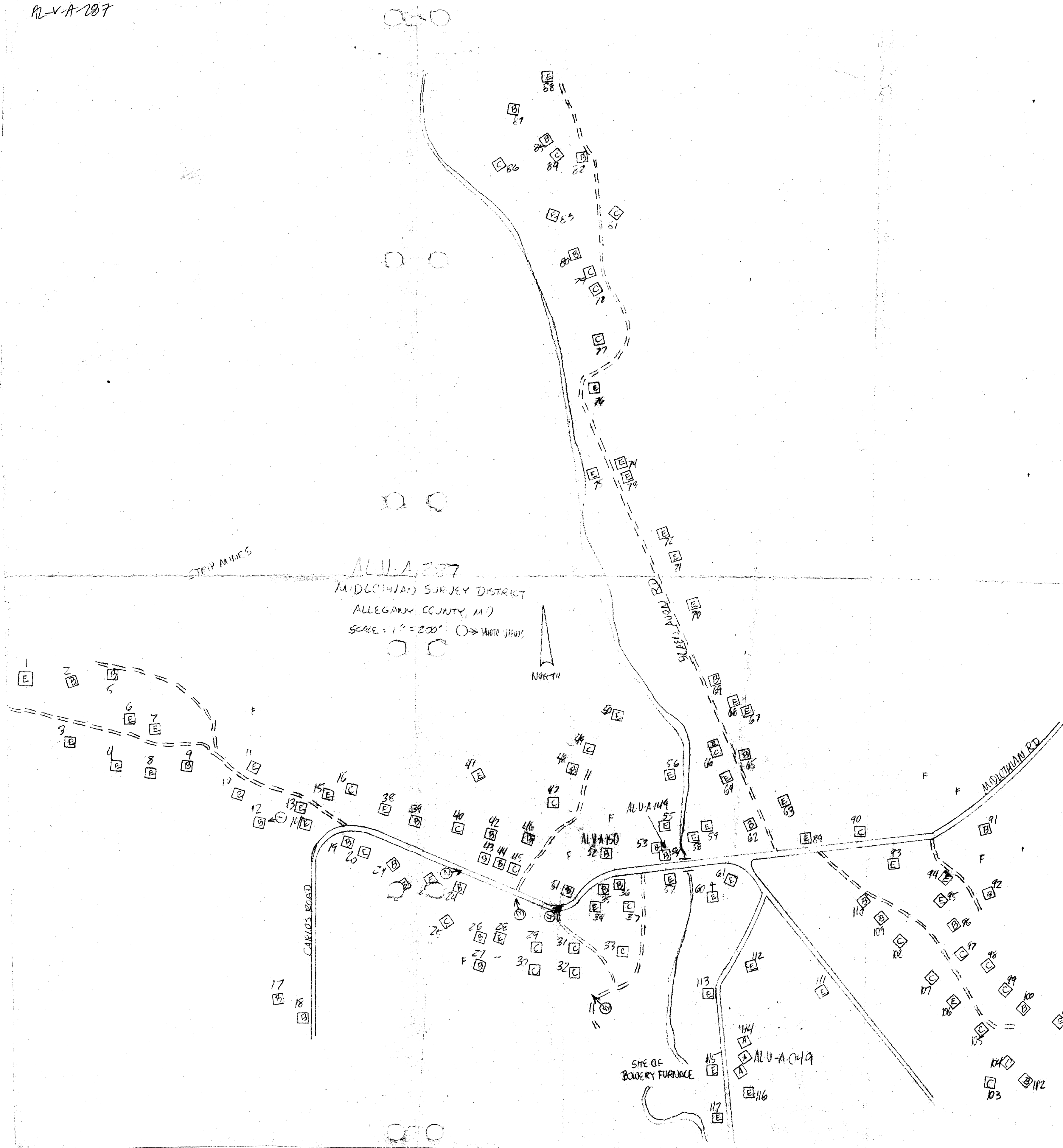
⁵"Map of the Georges Creek Coal Basin Shwoing the Location of the Mining Companies and the Areal Extent of the Pittsburg ("Big Vein") and Lower Coals", Maryland Geological Survey, 1905.

⁶Harry Stegmaier et al, p. 309.

⁷See AL-V-A-149 and AL-V-A-150.



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Frostburg, MD; PA
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1949; photorevised 1974

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South of Frostburg



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photo #1, looking west



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photo #2, looking northeast



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photo #3, looking northwest



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photo #4, looking north



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photo #5, looking west